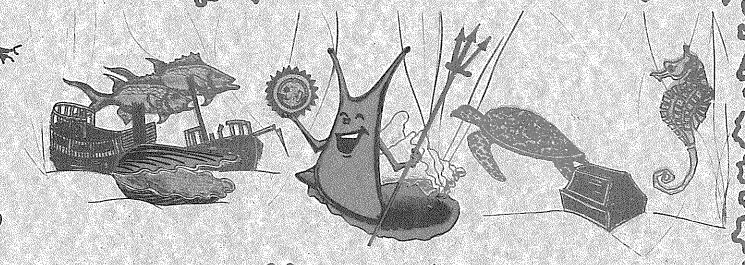
## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 20, 2005	Division: BOCC1
Bulk Item: Yes No	Department: BOCC1
	Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi
AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation declaring the month of April	2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
ITEM BACKGROUND:	
PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:  CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:	
TOTAL COST: N/A	<b>BUDGETED:</b> Yes No
COST TO COUNTY: N/A	SOURCE OF FUNDS:
<b>REVENUE PRODUCING:</b> Yes No	AMOUNT PER MONTH Year
APPROVED BY: County Atty	OMB/Purchasing Risk Management
DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:	Dixie M. Spehar (Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor)
<b>DOCUMENTATION:</b> Included	Not Required
DISPOSITION:	AGENDA ITEM #



## Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, we know that our children are our most valuable asset;

WHEREAS, we know that child abuse hurts and that no child is to blame for the abuse;

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WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy, taking the lives of three children every day and affecting millions of children and families every year;

WHEREAS, the impact of abuse is greater than its immediate, visible effects and survivors of child abuse and neglect may be at greater risk for problems later in life that affect not just the child and family, but society as a whole;

WHEREAS, child abuse is therefore a community problem and preventing child abuse depends on the involvement of all people throughout Monroe County;

WHEREAS, the key to preventing child abuse and neglect is community support of parents and families so that children can be raised in healthy, competent, productive, caring and nurturing homes; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Dixie M. Spehar, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Monroe County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor